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DATES

Juniors' Retreat: Jy. 6p-15a.
Theologians' Retreat: Jy. 22p-31a.
Regents' Retreat: Au. 6p-15a.
Brothers' Retreat: Au. 30p-Sep. 8a.

1945 JUBILEES

50 Years in the Society

June 11, Fr. Henry Walsh.
Aug. 8, Fr. Eug. Bacigalupi.
Sep. 2, Fr. Wm. Shepherd.

60 years a Priest

Nov. 8, Fr. Jos. P. Francis.

ALMA

In the spring disputation, Mr. Keene defended De Revelatione, with Messrs. Hayn and Bischoff, objectors; in De Ecclesia Mr. Gomez defended, the objectors were Messrs. Dullea and Agnew.

Mar. 30. Six members of the choir sang during the Tre Ore at the San Francisco County Hospital.

On Good Friday, 56 Scholastics made blood donations at the Red Cross Bank in Los Gatos.

Apr. 1. The choir sang at Moffett Field.

Apr. 13. National Day of Mourning for the deceased President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. No classes.

Apr. 14. Fr. Joseph O'Brien and Mr. Cowgill were called away by the serious illness of their father.

Messrs. Mulcahy and Dullea form the ordination committee for this year.

Apr. 14. Frs. Malone and Reidy, and Messrs. Playoust, John and Joseph Geary, attended a Meeting of the Classical Association of the Western States at Berkeley.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Fr. Coffey's St. Patrick's Day party for the mothers' Club netted over \$900.

Pfc. Jack Pearing, a former Loyolan, has had the unique experience of living after two pieces of shrapnel and his dog tag were driven into his heart in France. The shell burst destroyed one eye, fractured a leg, and injured his chest and hands. Recuperating after many operations, his comment is that he is lucky not to have been injured badly like some of the other men.

The interior of the school building has been entirely repainted, despite all the difficulties of such a war-time job.

LOYOLA HIGH

Fr. Herbert McNally, S.J. (N.Y.), Chaplain Commander in the Navy, during his furlough at Loyola High, told of his experiences in the South Pacific campaign.

Fr. Wm. Repetti, S.J. (Md.), missionary in the Philippines since 1928, spent a few days here on his way to Washington, D. C. He was an internee rescued from Los Banos by American soldiers.

Fr. Gonzalo Palacios, former president of Bombay University College, India, is doing special work in Los Angeles.

Mar. 18. Col. George Clark, one of the last American officers to leave Corregidor when it fell in 1942, addressed the student body.

Apr. 20. Thirty new candidates were received into the Sodality.

Apr. 22. The Loyola Fathers' Club sponsored a Field Mass in the stadium for the students and their families.

A complete list of Loyola graduates in the service is being prepared by an officer in the Navy, father of one of our boys. The "Tidings" lists the total number of Loyola boys serving their country as over 2000.

LOS GATOS

Fr. Missler, C.P.P.S., a Navy chaplain, made his retreat.

Chaplains Van Gent, Stretch and Jerome Sullivan gave interesting sidelights on the Society's part in the war-effort.

On Good Friday, 39 members of the community gave a realistic touch to the day by donating blood to the American Red Cross.

The Juniorate Writers' Guild sponsored a stimulating open forum on Poetry. The discussion was led by Fr. Wm. Costello, Mr. Earley and Mr. Thomas O'Brien of Alma. Br. Albert Smith one of the leading writers of the Guild, has an article in the April issue of "The Catholic World."

PHOENIX

Fr. Daze is preparing a closed retreat for the women of Phoenix. The exercises will be held at the end of June, in the school convent.

A lot donated by Mr. Frank Brophy, is being raffled to complete the fund for the new rectory.

Apr. 7. Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Mary's Church, commemorating the 50th year of the foundation of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO

We have been host to numerous religious Fathers, Scholastics and Brothers of the Jesuits, Oblates, Society of the Divine Word, Lasallettes, Holy Cross, who have been released from Philippine prison camps. They came from Santo Tomas and Los Banos. Fr. Moore was very instrumental in getting proper transportation for them and clothing.

Fr. Peter Dunne's newest book, "A Padre Views South America," has been selected as the Book of the Month by the Catholic Literary Foundation and by the Science and Culture Book Club.

Fr. Wm. Clasby, a high school alumnus, and now a Lt. Col. in the chaplain corps at Santa Ana Air Base, is the founder of Our Lady's Knights of the Skies, an organization to which belong over 20,000 airmen, scattered over camps and fields in this country and in foreign lands.

Joe Rosenthal, who recently gained national fame for his remarkable photographic work during the battle on Iwo Jima, is a former student of the University. He was converted while attending college.

Wes Gallagher, who has been on all battlefields, and who has been mentioned frequently in radio news reports, is also a former student of the University.

A Missa Cantata, offered by Fr. Wm. Dunne as a tribute to the late President Roosevelt, and for the welfare of the country, was attended by the entire student bodies of both college and high school.

At a series of lectures on Inter-American topics, in the Holy Name College, Oakland, Fr. Rossi spoke on Brazil.

With war activities stepped up, our Gold Stars have increased to the alarming total of 113.

Three former students have been released from army prison camps in Germany, by the drive on the eastern front.

During the past nine years, the following numbers of high school students have entered the armed forces, and have

made the supreme sacrifice:

1936—150; 7 dead.
1937—150; 7 dead.
1938—160; 7 dead.
1939—165; 7 dead.
1940—170; 5 dead.
1941—165; 4 dead.
1942—170; 4 dead.
1943—160; 4 dead.
1944—160; 1 dead.

The High School has signed John Golden, former college and professional football player from Philadelphia, as football coach, to succeed Alex Schwarz, who resigned to take a position with the Public School.

James G. Smyhte, an alumnus and former high school instructor, has been selected as Collector of Internal Revenue for this area.

Visitors: Chaplains Thomas Kelly (Chicago), Thos. Reilly (Newark), Vincent Manger (Louisville), Morgan Downey, S.J. (Md.), Edward Stretch, S.J. (Calif.), Agathonico Montero, S.J. (Philippines).

The former barracks of the ASTU have been temporarily rented by the Army for the Military Police Unit, on duty during the Peace Conference.

A University student placed fifth in a locally sponsored oratorical contest on the Monroe Doctrine. A high school boy placed third in the senior high school section.

Col. Alva Engelhart, former PSM&T for the University and High School, died recently.

Apr. 18. Fr. Carroll O'Sullivan was installed as Rector of the Community. He is the twentieth Rector since Oct. 25, 1855, when Fr. Maraschi headed the procession of St. Ignatius Rectors.

Fr. Wm. Dunne, whose term as Rector has just ended, has been named President of the University. In this capacity he serves under Father Rector, shares and lightens the burden, and retains the outside contacts and friendships of the University.

SANTA CLARA

Fr. Deasy buried Al Garcia, '44, on Iwo Jima. Al's last words to Father were: "Boy, how happy I am to be a Catholic. What it means to me now!"

Apr. 12. At Terminal Island, the Navy launched the U.S.S. "McCaffery," a destroyer dedicated to Marine Lt. Col. Joseph P. McCaffery, '29, killed on Bougainville.

The Gold Stars on our service flag have mounted to 66.

Al Santucci and Brawn Sullivan, reported missing, are prisoners of war.

Kenna Hall, opened to service men on the week-ends, regularly accommodates an almost capacity crowd of 140.

J. Fenton McKenna, director of dramatics, pens a monthly feature for "The Faculty Adviser."

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Bradstreet hired his boys to play at a dance for the benefit of a local priest, and helps them support their folks at home.

Fr. Wilfred Crowley has a private room and a stove, left behind by the Germans through haste, not thoughtfulness. He held as many Holy Week services as he could, in a private chapel. About 100 men came during Holy Thursday night for one hour periods of all night adoration. A convenient schedule was arranged for confessions for two infantry battalions under his care; the number at confession and communion at Easter was disappointing. There is still a great deal of religious apathy, and the outfit is not close enough to the front for some to begin to think seriously.

On his way to his present location, he was able to visit Paris. He said Mass at Montmartyr. The first name he saw in the Guest Book was that of Fr. Neil O'Mara.

Fr. Deasy reports that on Iwo Jima there were 20 priests on duty. Not one was killed, and only one was slightly wounded. He went for five days and nights without a wink of sleep, and with very little food. At the end of the first week he had the luxury of a pint of water to wash his face and hands. The Iwo dust was so caked on their faces that instead of washing, they peeled off the dirt.

He longed for the day when he could again say Mass in a church and on a real altar. There is no devotion or romance about saying Mass in the dirt and dust, and at the back of a truck.

He was 34 days on Iwo, during which time many thousands of American youth paid the big price. For four days they could not collect the Marine dead. After that, four bull-dozers worked constantly in the place selected for our cemetery. They dug down four feet, then the men dug two feet more for the individual graves. The cemetery of the Fifth Division is cruciform, with a large flag and cross in the middle; and row on row of crosses almost as far as they can reach.

Fr. Deasy was buried for several

hours. While he was in his fox-hole, there was a flash and concussion. With the fox-hole he was lifted about six feet into the air. When he came down, he went into the ground, his feet six feet down, his head about a foot and a half under. The two boards he had for protection had come with him. His chest and stomach were tightly squeezed between them. His left hand was pinned down below him. Fortunately the right arm was up. With it he was able to force a little opening for air. After three hours and a half, the firing ceased. Some of the boys in holes next to him, knew he had been hit, and they shouted over. For ten minutes he gave no answer, then told them he was buried but safe. It took two of them a half hour of digging to get him out.

Fr. Gaffney plans to start his Holy Land trip on May 7. He hopes to have pictures, but promises not to belabor anyone with slide lectures on the Holy Land, when he gets back. In March in spite of the long hops, he missed Mass only once. The Easter turn-out at the main base was grand.

Fr. Giambastiani wishes he could write some thrilling letters; he can only read them. "Will I ever get the chance? Sabe Dios."

Fr. Hanley made his retreat at West Palm Beach, which is 35 miles from his post. If he is still in the U. S. A., he plans to ride in a bomber, saving time and money, in getting to the June ordinations of the Alma men.

Fr. Kavanagh was due to check out towards the end of April.

On his latest reports, Fr. Kelly lists one vocation. A man of few words, this is all he says.

Fr. Kilp is in Germany. His hospital unit leads a gypsy life: the wards, surgery and living accommodations are all in tents. They try to keep within reasonable distance of the front, and have rather often to pack up and move further into Germany. At the place of writing, his unit cared for the casualties suffered in bridging the Rhine. They were not so numerous or so serious as those in the Roer river offensive. Practically every town was destroyed. Unless the Nazis soon surrender, their entire land will be a desert of ruins.

The Rhineland is a Catholic section of Germany. Hitler's campaign against the Church was centered more in the Berlin and non-Catholic areas of the Reich. His plan was to first exterminate Christianity where it was weakest. Then with a strong united front he

could more successfully work against the predominantly Catholic sections. Since the war he has more or less relinquished pressure against the Church. The Allies kept him too well occupied.

There is an alarming amount of ignorance among so-called Catholics in regard to their religion. Some are sorry products, when they have the unhappy combination of irresponsible parents and no Catholic schooling. The Jesuit students I have met are refreshing examples of what the Catholic youth of America could be, if they all had a similar opportunity. Credit is due to Notre Dame, because they have some fine men in uniform.

Fr. Maginnis reports that his ordination watch has ticked its last, never to go again. He is getting a shock and water proof watch. He helps a neighboring chaplain with confessions. His Holy Week Service program is a mimeographed page with a drawing of a barnlike building with a heap of hay on it, surmounted by a cross. He adds: Fairly accurate sketch of chapel, except there is no cross.

Fr. McMahon had a retreat for his unit during Holy Week given by two Redemptorists. On Holy Saturday four priests heard confessions for many hours. There were 2000 Communions at the 6 Masses. In Easter Week in 24 hours there were air-crashes with three pilots killed and a fourth seriously injured. Fr. McMahon must write to the families in his own name, and then write again in the name of the C. O.

Fr. O'Mara heard from Fr. Wilfred Crowley, but could not answer, as he lost the envelope with Fr. Crowley's address. During Holy Week the whole army was on its catastrophic moves across Germany, leaving little time for services. He had a fine turnout for Easter. On that day he said Mass in a former Nazi hall, then in a barn yard, finally in a Cathedral. Some variety for one day.

Fr. Stretch has about a month's detached service in California, to take a good and much-needed rest.

Fr. Jerome Sullivan is doing Port duty in San Francisco, and most likely will be there for about a year.

Fr. McGrorey has been very busy, and unable to write.

VARIA

Fr. Wm. Deeney was much better in mid-April. He was again saying daily Mass, and was able to go out for a little walk. He had dismissed all his special nurses.

Fr. Casassa passed successfully his comprehensive examinations. He is working on his dissertation.

Fr. Charles Leahy, who is now at Monrovia, received the encouraging decision of the doctor, that no operation will be necessary. Rest will take care of everything.

STATUS JOTTINGS

Mr. Crain, Bellarmine.
Mr. Dodd, Bellarmine.
Mr. Dryden, Santa Clara.
Mr. Fitzgerald, S. I. H.
Mr. Hand, Loy. High.
Mr. Hopkins, Loy. High.
Mr. Hurst, S. I. H.
Mr. Kristovich, Loy. U.
Mr. Leahy, Bellarmine.
Mr. McCormack, Loy. U.
Mr. McGinty, S. I. H.
Mr. Nottage, S. I. H.
Mr. Rutledge, Loy. High.
Mr. Sargent, Bellarmine.
Mr. R. Shaules, S. I. H.
Mr. Shehan, S. I. H.
Mr. Shepherd, Bellarmine.
Mr. E. Zimmers, S. I. H.
Fr. Aldridge, U. S. F.
Fr. Bourret, Studies in Physics.
Fr. Charlton, Classics, Harvard.
Fr. Coleman, U. S. F.
Fr. Colosimo, S. I. H.
Fr. H. Corcoran, Dogma, biennium.
Fr. Cosgrove, U. S. F.
Fr. Diebels, biennium, Woodstock.
Fr. T. Donohoe, Loy. High.
Fr. Hancock, English, Stanford.
Fr. D. Harrington, Chinese, S. F.
Fr. Huseman, Loy. High.
Fr. Hynes, Education, U. C. L. A.
Fr. Kehrlein, Army Chaplain.
Fr. Lagan, Pol. Sc., Stanford.
Fr. McIntosh, Labor Econ., St. Louis.
Fr. T. O'Rourke, Los Gatos.
Fr. Tichenor, S. I. H.
Fr. Fug. Toner, West. Jesuit.
Fr. Wilson, Phil., Harvard.

In 1944 the ministry report gives a total of 1569 babies baptised by the Fathers in the Province.

Apr. 18th. The Pastor of St. Joseph's, San Jose, was host to the various San Jose pastors and assistants, at a St. Joseph banquet.

DEATHS

Mayo, brother of Fr. Brolan.
Br. Moreno's mother.
Father of Mr. James Cowgill.
Fr. of Fr. Jos. O'Brien.